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SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

First Track Meet

Bryan lost its first track meet to the University of Chattanooga on April twenty-eighth, with a score of ninety to forty-three. Considering the fact that Bryan with an enrollment of two hundred met a school with almost two thousand students, and that this was the first intercollegiate track meet in the history of Bryan, the team is not discouraged but is more determined than ever to make Bryan's program a good one.

High point men in the meet were Randal Maycumber with nine points; Charles Riley, eight; Warren Purdy, six; Dick Malone and Dalmain Congdon, each five points.

A portion of the team will go to the state meet May thirteenth, and the University hopes to schedule another meet at the end of May.

SCARLETS vs. GOLDS IN FORENSICS

April is the month for Scarlet and Gold Forensic activities on Bryan Hill. Rebecca Craig took first place for the Scarlets in the serious poetry. In the dramatic readings, John Reed placed first for the Golds. Warren Purdy won oratorical honors for the Golds, and Jacquelyn Oakley took first for the Scarlets in the book reviews. In the extemporaneous speeches Warren Purdy took first for the Golds. The Golds also won the humorous program and the poster contest. In the latter Dalmain Congdon was the winner. The Scarlets won the spelling bee.

The Golds are now leading by a few points, and Field Day, May fifth, will decide competition for this year.

FACULTY HAS DINNER

The Bryan faculty met for their annual spring party at an informal dinner at "Town and Country" in Chattanooga on May second. The program, under the direction of Lois Weyhe, registrar, included various entertainment numbers by faculty members.

DR. H.A. IRONSIDE, D.B. EASTEP TO SPEAK

DUO PIANO RECITAL

Mrs. Margaret McGowan and Mrs. Howard Vos, members of Bryan's Musical Faculty, presented a duo piano and organ recital in the Memorial Chapel May fourth.

Featured on the program were the "Concerto No. 2," First Movement, by Rachmaninoff, and the first movement of the "Concerto in A Minor," by Greig. Other numbers were "Gone is Sorrow, Gone is Sadness" by Bach-Scionti; "Two Part Invention No. 8" with organ, by Bach; "Gavotte Op. 26," by Pirani, "By the Waters of Minnetonka," by Lieurance; "White Jasmine," by Dungan; "Habenera de Cinna," by Howe; "Country Dance," by Nevin; "Romance from Suite No. 15," by Arensky.

DOORS

Work continues on the building. With all of the windows in place, work proceeds on construction of interior walls, uninterrupted by rainy weather. Steel doors and frames were received just when needed for many of the interior wall sections. Current construction also includes the plumbing and the conduit installation for the electrical wiring.

EASTER CANTATA GIVEN

On the evening of April ninth the choir, wearing for the first time their new maroon choir robes and golden stoles, were presented by their director, Mrs. Margaret McGowan, in the Easter cantata *My Heart Is Glad*. The music department is to be commended on the excellence of the singing and on the choice of the cantata, the words to which were written by Pastor J. B. Thornton, a Board member, and the music of which was composed by his son, David, a former student.

The seventeenth annual commencement exercises for Bryan University begin with the Alumni Banquet on the night of June third. It is expected that an unusually large number of alumni will be on hand for the occasion.

The baccalaureate service will be held the following evening, the visiting minister being Rev. D. B. Eastep, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Covington, Kentucky. Brother Eastep is a member of the University Board and has been a visiting speaker on the Hill on numerous occasions.

On Monday night President and Mrs. Rudd will hold their annual reception for the members of the graduation class and their parents.

Tuesday afternoon marks the time for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, and Tuesday evening presents the senior vesper program, to which the public is invited.

On Wednesday morning, Dr. Harry A. Ironside will deliver the commencement address to the largest senior class in the history of the University. Degrees will be awarded to forty young men and women. The academic procession, with some twenty-two faculty members and speakers and the seniors numbering forty will be quite in contrast with the procession of 1934, when there were less than half as many teachers and only eight seniors.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN

The annual Senior Night, when the seniors entertain the Bryan family, was held this year on April 29. The Seniors chose to give an original humorous skit portraying in pantomime the wandering thoughts of a church congregation during the worship service. The skit had an underlying seriousness which the listeners could hardly miss. The program was followed by refreshments.

SENIORS

OTHEL H. SULLIVAN Fairview, Tennessee

With a B.A. French major, Othel looks forward to the possibility of graduate work or seminary study, perhaps both. Beyond that is a desire to know and fulfil the Lord's mission wherever He leads. It may be the ministry.

Spiritually, I have had my heart warmed many times by the nearness of the Lord felt here. Having departed, I will reach forward to the times when I will be able to return for more.



DOROTHY SCOVILLE Elyria, Ohio

Looking forward to teaching in a Christian Day school, Dorothy should be well qualified in her chosen field of English, with a B.A. degree to her credit. Her activities in the Foreign Missions Fellowship, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and the Forensic Union should help prepare her for her work.

When I look over my four years at Bryan, I praise the Lord for the hard places even more than for the easy ones, for it was during such times I was drawn closer to Him.



ROBERT B. ROSENAU Dayton, Tennessee

Bob looks forward to taking his B.A. in history to Africa with him when he leaves for the foreign field to serve the Lord. His work in Child Evangelism and his missionary background, being of missionary parents, should make him very much at home in the work.

The Lord has come to mean much to me during the past years here at Bryan. The aim of my life now is that He will be utmost in my life wherever I might be. Ps. 31:24.



E. LAMAR MODERT Bronson, Michigan

A mathematics major, Lamar expects to use his degree as an entry into the teaching field. He has been busy at Bryan with Science Club, F. M. F., Forensic Union, the Band, and as a student instructor in his chosen field.

The Lord Jesus Christ has saved me and I have, as much as I know, surrendered my life to His will and to His leading.



EMILY JANE PHILLIPS Charleston, West Virginia

Following the receipt of her B.A. with an English major, Emily plans to continue her education, then enter full-time service for the Lord. Her experience in the Christian Service Association and in the Forensic Union should help to qualify her for the work.

I praise the Lord for the opportunity of attending Bryan. It has been wonderful serving the Lord through Child Evangelism while preparing for full-time service.

ROBERT E. MURPHEY Willoughby, Ohio

It's off to Dallas Theological Seminary that Bob expects to take his B.A. English major. The Christian work he has done while in school should be of material benefit at the seminary and, even more so, when he enters Japan as a worker for the Lord.

I do praise the Lord for bringing me here to Bryan, for it is here that I have come to know Him in a better way. Phil. 3:10.



SUZANNE MILLER Winona Lake, Indiana

Suzie's impressive list of interests, including basketball, choir, F. M. F., Gospel Singers, Student Council, et cetera, have not prevented her reaching the desired B.A. with her major field in English. She looks forward to entering Christian work with High School students.

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves . . . but our sufficiency is of God." I praise Him for His strength and love and grace, which have been sufficient for me these four years and I know will be in the future.



CHARLES B. RILEY Verona, New Jersey

F. M. F., Forensics, being on the Commoner Staff, Class Business Manager, a Young Life worker, and a member of the track team should add sufficient to Chuck's training to make his B.S. in Biology of use in his chosen field of service. Following Dallas Theological Seminary, he's into the work of Christ among America's High Schoolers.

Everything in my life depends upon and grows out of the wonderful personal relationship I have to God in the person of the Saviour, my Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL SINGERS

Starting on a trek which will probably carry them something over nine thousand miles, the Gospel Singers will leave Dayton on the morning of June eleventh for their first stop at Bessemer, Alabama. They will sing in twelve or thirteen states, in half a dozen or more Youth for Christ services, and in as many as forty or forty-five churches.

Missionary Alumni

Recent visits to Bryan Hill by some of our missionary alumni included Albert F. Wyllie '44, Ann Wildern '46, and Cleo Graham '45. Al is a missionary to Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission and is home on furlough. Ann is doing home mission work with the Oak Hills Fellowship, Bemidji, Minn. Cleo is under appointment with the S.I.M. to go to the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and hopes to sail within the next few weeks.

JANICE GOEHRING Hammond, Indiana

Janice has traveled with the Gospel Singers, done considerable flannel-graph painting, undertaken a husband and a trailer home, and practically completed her work on the B.A. English major, which comes next month. She and Harold await the Lord's choice of a field of labor.

I praise the Lord for His teaching me to wait upon Him. He truly has supplied the desires of my heart. What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord!



GLADYS LOUISE JENNEWEIN Cincinnati, Ohio

While earning her B.A. with a major in English, Gladys has had time to play an active part in the Christian Service Association, F. M. F., and the Forensic Union. At present she awaits the Lord's leading as to what lies ahead, but she looks forward to a possible call to foreign fields for Him.

It is a joy and comfort to know that "with me is the Lord my God to help me, and to fight my battles." II Chron. 32:8. He is all sufficient.



Few things are more pathetic than the sight of one who has become so busy with the Lord's work that he has neglected the Lord himself.—J. B. Chapman.

FISHING

One of the few fields in which "having a pull" is complimentary is that of fishing, and Bryan students and some of the staff are making full use of that pull as they hunt the waters of Chickamauga Lake in search of the wary bass and crappies. Though bass fishing is not yet at its best, the crappies have been biting, and a catch of a dozen or twenty is no longer unusual.

Cal Jaynes, a member of the junior class, must have been brought up on a fish line, rather than an apron string, for he just has something the fish like. His most recent achievement was a four-and-three-quarter-pound bass, of the big mouth variety. Cal is recovering slowly.

New Brochures

Just recently a new brochure came from the press. Done in black and magenta, it is very attractive and speaks well for its mission of advertising Bryan. Along with the general folder to give a birdseye picture of what Bryan has to offer to young people will be specialized brochures dealing with the different departments and fields of study available. Prospective students should write for copies.

I Would Ask Jonah

Since God's great concern is that all men come to repentance, I would like to have a talk with Jonah. I would not ask him how large the fish was that swallowed him, but how small he felt when he found that God had caught up with him. I would like to learn of his personal experiences as he walked the streets of Nineveh bleached and humiliated and reluctantly obedient. I would probe him about his criminal unconcern for the repentance of two million souls, and whether he had been able to forget that awful day when he was more concerned for his own cozy comfort behind the gourd vine than he was that Nineveh be spared her doom. Finally I would ask Jonah if he had any possible suggestions as to:

1. How to get our own cozy-corner Christians and "fundamental" Jonahs to forget the gourd vines of their modern comforts;
2. How to get them concerned for today's lost millions;
3. How to get them to preach the preaching that God bids them, viz., sin, righteousness, temperance, judgment to come. —L. E. Maxwell.

Today's Lost Art

Roberta Butler, Class of '52

The present generation of American people have lost the most important and valuable art that mankind has ever known. They have forsaken quiet countrysides for the noisy, tumult of the busy cities, only to be ordered—day and night—"Hurry!" Even the farmer in his eagerness for wealth has attempted to farm so much land that his crops force him to hurry. Modern inventions designed to give us more leisure have aggravated our greed for more, until in the race for fame and achievement we have kept ourselves too busy to think!

Newspapers and magazines publish articles written in a manner bespeaking the gullibility attributed the readers. Too many sermons fail to cause the church-goer to think. At school, students are handed knowledge on silver platters and leave, never having learned to think. We dare not blame the editors, preachers or teachers. The responsibility is individual. It is not that we have nothing to think about. Quite the contrary. A loving Creator has provided us a multitude of material. The difficulty is that we have never learned to think. Those of us who are numbered among the 2,500,000 college students of America, our educators, the politicians, statesmen, business and cultural leaders—all of us, without thinking very seriously about it, accept what is offered to us.

"A penny for your thoughts" implies the very lightness of our conception of the word *thought*. Trivial recollections, idle fancies, flitting impressions are not thoughts. Day dreams and air castles are not thoughts. Emerson said: "Thinking is a function." I would add: "Thinking leads to purposeful functioning." Consider the lives of great men. They thought, made plans, created new ideas and held worthy ideals as goals. What did they think about? Drudgery, calamity, exasperation, want—those things common to the rich, the poor, and middle-classed alike. In their weakness, the truly great have thought, too, of our strong and mighty God. Let us learn a lesson from the past as we accept the invitation of the future. Let us learn to think and we shall at last be able to exercise with carefulness and surely our lost art of meditation—and to those who will meditate on our God and the truths of His Guidebook will come the experimental knowledge of a heart deep set in God.



From my heart to you

In recent years we have been seeking to better present Bryan University through more interesting advertisements and more attractive literature, but, at least, these cannot take the place of a personal visit to our Campus. This difference is brought out in a letter received from a recent visitor to Bryan Hill.

"Ever since my visit to Bryan University a few weeks back, I have wanted to write to you to thank you for taking us around and showing us the buildings and the inside workings, as it were. My eyes were opened and my heart was humbled indeed as I saw the work of great faith that you and your co-workers are carrying on there in the face of difficulties.

"How I wish it were possible for me to send more than the amount of the enclosed check—but at present I cannot. This is merely a token, but as I've put Bryan and its needs on my prayer list since my visit, even this little amount reminds me that I am now a prayer warrior for Bryan and I'm praying with you that our blessed Lord will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory."

It is such testimonies as these that confirm our assurance that there is a definite place for the ministry of Bryan University, and that we can expect God's people to support this ministry more largely, at a time when gifts to many causes are being curtailed.

A year ago we saw that it would be increasingly difficult to secure financial support for spiritual ministries, but we determined to be worthy of increased support and to demonstrate to our friends that Bryan University is a wise investment for a larger share of the Lord's money. To our mind, it is more essential to train workers for Christ's service than to support them in the Lord's service. Here at Bryan we are training many who will be self-supporting while witnessing for Christ. We are training many who will not become missionaries, but who will support missions.

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LARGER GIFTS RECEIVED

A \$5,000.00 gift, a \$1,000.00 gift, and a \$2,577.65 payment of a bequest helped substantially in making our April gift income the largest for the eleven months of the fiscal year. The \$11,196.88 total for April exceeded the December gift income by more than sixteen hundred dollars.

HOW'S YOUR I. Q.?

There is something wrong with your knowledge of:

BOTANY—if you have never discovered the True Vine (John 15:1).

GEOLOGY—if you are still ignorant of the Rock of Ages (Deut. 32:4).

CHEMISTRY—if you are unacquainted with the great Catalyzer (II Peter 3:7).

MATHEMATICS—if you have not considered the breadth and length, and depth and height of the love of Christ Jesus our Lord (Eph. 3:18, 19).

BIOLOGY—unless you can trace life back to its primal cause, "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-4).

PHYSICS—until you have an experimental knowledge of the operation of the Spirit of the Risen Christ (Eph. 3:7, 16, 20).

SOCIOLOGY—if you seek any other cure for sin than that which God has provided through the blood of Jesus Christ His Son (I John 1:9; John 1:29).

ASTRONOMY—unless you are prepared to witness the rising of the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16).—A. M. E., in Bible Students' Treasure House.

FEED MY SHEEP

An old farmer who attended a church conference commented: "You amuse me, for you have papers and discussions on how to get people to come to your meetings. I have never heard a single address at a farmer's meeting on how to get cattle to come in to the rack. We put all our time on the best kind of feed."

"In times of discouragement it is a great help to remember that the Lord's work is not our work for the Lord, but the Lord's own work through us and others. 'He will not fail nor be discouraged'."

—Hudson Taylor

FUEL FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

Salaries have been paid in full month by month, with few delays. It has strained our Operating Fund, as well as our Plant Fund, to continue construction on the building, but the larger gift income received in March and April has relieved the strain considerably. With May, we begin the final month of our best fiscal and school year, and we are encouraged to believe that we will end the year triumphantly.

There must be no letting down as we near the goal. Pray for the students, the staff, the trustees, and our supporting constituency, as we end this year and plan for the coming year. We need a gift income of \$11,270.55, during May, to close our books with all bills paid for operation and construction. Pray with us for this minimum need.

HEART Continued

aries in the uttermost parts of the earth. God has always considered it vital for His people to train their oncoming generation of children.

In the dark days of the depression we carried on because we had a distinctive ministry among Christian colleges. God has prospered us, but we continue to serve sacrificially because of our desire to minister to an increased number of select Christian young people. We believe that Bryan University merits, as never before, a preferred place on your list of giving to the cause of definitely Christian education. Come and see.

Earnestly yours,

Judson Rudd

President

APRIL REPORT

Undesignated:

MSM\$ 297.00
Other 3,962.10

Designated:

MSM for Building 406.65
Rhea County for Steel.. 75.00
Other Plant Fund 6,456.13

Total Gifts for April.....\$11,196.88

GRAND TOTAL

(11 Months)\$53,729.45

